



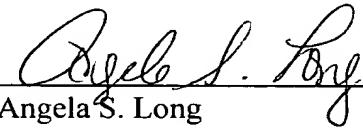
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, and Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, both dated January 6, 1999, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the section of the above-identified application entitled "Sequence Listing," that immediately follows the Abstract of the Invention on page 88, and insert the enclosed Sequence Listing therefor.